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*Arrival at San Juan of disinfecting barge Defender.*SAN JUAN, P. R., *June 24, 1901.*

SIR: Confirming my cablegram of the 22d instant, I have the honor to report the safe arrival at this port of the disinfecting barge *Defender*. The barge and outfit are in good condition.

She has been temporarily anchored close to Miraflores Island, and will be made fast to a permanent mooring buoy secured by heavy ground tackle as soon as this can be put in place by the Light-House department. The superintendent of that department informs me that he has an old buoy and anchors which he will put in place for us at whatever time the light-house tender will next be in this port. If this date proves to be remote, I will endeavor to make arrangements to have the mooring buoy put in position at the expense of the Service, but I am of the opinion that there is no tug in this harbor capable of doing heavy work of this description. Meantime the barge is safely anchored as to ordinary weather conditions and is now perfectly secure unless a very severe storm should prevail, which is not anticipated at this season of the year.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
 Chief Quarantine Officer, Porto Rico.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Foreign and insular statistical reports of countries and cities—Yearly and monthly.

AFRICA—*Sierra Leone*.—Three weeks ended May 17, 1901. Estimated population, 35,000. Total number of deaths, 58. No contagious diseases.

BRAZIL—*Rio de Janeiro*.—Two weeks ended May 15, 1901. Estimated population, 793,000. Total number of deaths not reported. One death from diphtheria, 1 from enteric fever, 12 from smallpox, 14 from yellow fever, and 110 from tuberculosis.

CHINA—*Amoy*.—Two weeks ended May 11, 1901. Estimated population, 350,000. Total number of deaths not reported. Three hundred and twenty-five deaths reported from plague.

CUBA—*Santiago*.—Month of May, 1901. Estimated population, 45,000. Total number of deaths, 91, including diphtheria, 1, and 22 from tuberculosis.

FRANCE—*Nice*.—Month of May, 1901. Estimated population, 108,227. Total number of deaths, 187, including diphtheria, 2; enteric fever, 1; measles, 10, and 34 from tuberculosis.

Roubaix.—Month of May, 1901. Estimated population, 135,733. Total number of deaths, 170, including diphtheria, 2, and 1 from whooping cough.

St. Etienne.—Two weeks ended May 30, 1901. Estimated population, 146,030. Total number of deaths not reported. Twenty-five deaths from tuberculosis reported.

GERMANY—*Dresden*.—Month of April, 1901. Estimated population,